



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5908

House of Representatives, March 26, 2013

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR THE SPRAY FOAM INSULATION INDUSTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of
3 Public Health and Energy and Environmental Protection, shall adopt
4 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
5 general statutes, to develop safety and certification standards for the
6 spray foam insulation industry.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	20,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost in FY 14 of approximately \$20,000 to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to contract with experts in the area of spray foam insulation in order to promulgate regulations. Neither the DCP, nor the Departments of Public Health or Energy and Environmental Protection have expertise in all areas of the industry.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5908*****AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR THE SPRAY FOAM INSULATION INDUSTRY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the consumer protection commissioner, in consultation with the commissioners of public health and energy and environmental protection, to adopt regulations developing safety and certification standards for the spray foam insulation industry.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Spray Foam Insulation***

Spray polyurethane foam is an insulation and air sealant material that is installed as a liquid and then expands upon application. It can be used as insulation on roofs, walls, and pipes, among other uses.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)